

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 22, 2013

Honorable Members
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 2011-2013 Current Year County Highway Spending

Dear Honorable Members:

Recently, some members of your Honorable Body's minority caucus posed questions about 2013 spending on roads, highways, bridges and dams. In order to alleviate concerns and address misconceptions, I thought it would be helpful to share some information regarding recent spending trends with your Honorable Body.

In an effort to make a genuine "apples-to-apples" comparison, the data does not include prior year bond funds (i.e. funds bonded in a prior year) and only includes that year's interfund subsidy, the County's federal share matching funds, and current year County bond proceeds. Keeping that criterion in mind, in 2011, the Collins Administration spent \$13.7 million on highway/road/bridge projects. In 2012, using the Collins Administration's final Road Fund budget and Capital Budget, the County spent \$13.4 million. In 2013, the County projects to spend \$15.1 million on said projects through current year funds.

I trust that this information is helpful to your Honorable Body.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP

cc: John Loffredo, Commissioner of Public Works